

English Syllabus

Section A: Reading Unseen Passages and Note-making	Section B: Writing Skills	Section C: Literature and Long Reading Text
<p>1. Two unseen passages with a variety of very short answer / short answer or MCQ type questions to test comprehension, interpretation and inference. Vocabulary such as word formation and inference of meaning will also be tested.</p> <p>2. The total length of the two passages will be between 1100 and 1200 words. The passage will include two of the following:</p> <p>a) Factual passages, e.g., instructions, descriptions, reports.</p> <p>b) Descriptive passages involving opinion, e.g., argumentative, persuasive or interpretative text</p> <p>c) Literary passages, e.g., extract from fiction, drama, poetry, essay or biography. A poem could be of 28-35 lines</p> <p>d) The passages can be literary, factual or discursive to test comprehensions. The length of one passage should be between 600-700 words.</p> <p>3. A third passage of 400-500 words for note-making and abstraction.</p>	<p>Short Answer Questions, e.g., advertisement and notices, designing or drafting posters, writing formal and informal invitations and replies.</p> <p>Long Answer Questions: Letters based on verbal / visual input.</p> <p>Letter types include</p> <p>Business or official letters (for making enquiries, registering complaints, asking for and giving information, placing orders and sending replies)</p> <p>Letters to the editor (giving suggestions or opinion on issues of public interest)</p> <p>Application for a job</p> <p>Very Long Answer Questions: Two compositions based on visual and/or verbal Input may be descriptive or argumentative in nature such as an article, a debate or a speech.</p>	<p>Very Short Answer Questions - Based on an extract from poetry to test comprehension and appreciation.</p> <p>Short Answer Questions - Based on prose / drama / poetry from both the texts.</p> <p>Long Answer Question - Based on texts to test global comprehension and extrapolation beyond the texts to bring out the key messages and values.</p> <p>Long Answer Question - Based on texts to test global comprehension along with analysis and extrapolation.</p> <p>Long Answer Question - Based on theme, plot and incidents from the prescribed novels.</p> <p>Long Answer Question - Based on understanding appreciation, analysis and interpretation of the character sketch.</p>